

which has been very fine throughout Texas for the past month. Cotton picking has been unusually good hereabouts, and it is expected that the season will prove as successful during the average period heretofore. More than an average crop has already been secured in this State, and enough is yet in the fields to employ the whole force of the country until Christmas.

FROM EL PASO.—The San Antonio Ledger of the 14th says:—On Monday Mr. Dunn left El Paso in charge of a party of men, who were en route to Sweet & Co. Mr. Dunn left El Paso on the 23d ult. At Eagle Spring he encountered a body of Mesqueras, a branch of the Lipana. This was about 100 miles from El Paso. They charged on the train with strong bows, arrows and spears, and fired at the soldiers belonging to the train with ugly-looking muskets. Again, at the painted cave, a distance of 175 miles from San Antonio, another party attempted to steal the animals belonging to the train; they also attempted to shoot the same number of soldiers. On the 28th inst. Mr. Dunn returned to El Paso, under the command of Lieut. Michler, from the Grande, The Comission, now at San Felipe, has sent an express to Eagle Pass for reinforcements.

Mr. Dunn states that Lewis's train, which will arrive there in a few days, lost four men at Camanche Springs. These four were in the hands of the Indians. The remainder of the train arrived safely. The road is in the best order. Mr. Dunn is in raptnre about it. He pronounced it the finest natural road in the world. The whole country is being reclaimed.

The day before Mr. Dunn left El Paso, twenty-nine mules were taken from Magoffinville by the Indians. There is no trade at that place, or comparatively none. There are some eight or ten sicklelooking soldiers at Magoffinville, and a few more at Camanche Springs.

The citizens complain constantly and bitterly of want of protection from the federal militia. The Indians commit depredations as they please. No man is safe except the heart of the settlement. Skillman was shot dead in the suburbs. Dunn met the Indians at the mouth of the Rio Grande. There are millions of bushels of white onions for sale in that region. Lewis's train is freighted with them. Mr. Dunn knows no Mexican news.

Lake Superior News.

(From the Lake Superior Journal, Oct. 22.)

COPPER.—The Manhattan brought down, last trip, 23 bbls. and 14 masses, equal to 134½ tons of copper from the West North Mine, Eagle Harbor.

THE FIRE AT THE CLIFF MINE.—On the morning of the 10th ult., between 10 and 11 o'clock, the engine-house in which the Stamps are situated at the Cliff mine, caught fire, and in less than half an hour the men could be called to aid in suppressing it, the flames had entirely enveloped the building, and also caught in the upper story of the new engine-building recently erected. Both buildings were consumed, and that portion composed of wood, and all the tools and machinery nearly destroyed. The engine probably are not greatly injured. Messrs. Smith & Byrley, Agents of the Company, are of the opinion that it is the work of a villain who has some ill-feeling toward the Company, and that he set fire to the machine house at the small engine-house about one hour previous to the discovery of the fire.

PROPELLER INDEPENDENCE.—This steamer still remains on the beach, and there is now but poor prospects of her being got off this fall. The freight has been principally been removed, and the crew have been kept in the best condition possible. Capt. Rylier arrived yesterday from the vessel, and the crew still remain on board. J. R. Livingston, his owner, had made complete preparation for getting her off, and procured a tug, and towed her to the mouth of the river, where she was wrecked in the most disastrous trip, when all of her tackle, screws and materials were thrown overboard with the other freight, and Le was obliged to return.

MARQUETTE LIGHT-HOUSE.—This light-house is now ready for inspection by the Superintendent of Light-houses, and only waits for lamps, oil, and kerosene. It is said to be a well built house, and we hope it will be speedily supplied with its furnishings, and made ready for use.

VALUE OF A HARBOR.—The storm in which the propeller Independence met its doom a few days ago at the mouth of the Saginaw River, drove the three large steamers of the above named, the Baltimore and the Manhattan, out of their course a distance of 75 miles, or a running distance of 120 miles each, in order to find shelter from the storm, and all of them were driven ashore at the mouth of the Saginaw, and which would not cost over \$20,000

copper shipped, when the storm came on and carried

the suffering of many persons connected with it.

For the want of this trifling but important article, the Oregonian has lost, two of the largest steamers on the coast, which have been lost within about a year, causing a loss of property in vessels and cargo of not less than \$100,000, to say nothing of the distress, the interruption of business, on which no cost in dollars and cents can be placed. The steamer "The Monitor," in the River and Harbor Bill, that would do as much good in the United States as such an amount would in the improvement of this harbor. The waste and the situation of this place were fully explained, and made known to the Oregonian Committee, some time last winter and still it did not come from the right quarter, we presume, to take effect. It was on an inland sea and not on the Rod of the Seal and the sea was used over, leaving the limited shipping of this lake to the constant danger of destruction for the want of this trifling amount.

Inducement of a Newspaper.

A school teacher who has been engaged a long time in his profession, and witnessed the influence of a newspaper upon the minds of a family of children, writes to the editor of the Ogdensburg Sentinel as follows:

I have found it to be a universal fact without exception, that those scholars of both sexes and of all ages, who have had access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who have not, are far more intelligent.

Better readers, excelling in pronunciation and emphasis, and consequently read more understandingly.

They are better spellers, and define words with greater ease and accuracy.

They obtain a practical knowledge of geography, in almost half the time it requires others, as the newspaper has made them familiar with the location of the important places, nations, their Governments and doings on the globe.

They are better Grammarians, for having become so familiar with every variety of style, in the newspaper, from the common place advertisement to the finished and classical oration of the statesman, they more readily comprehend the meaning of a text, and consequently use a better construction with accuracy.

They write better compositions, using better language, containing more thoughts, more clearly and concisely expressed.

These young men who have for years been readers of the Ogdensburg Sentinel, are always taking the lead in the debating society, exhibiting a more extensive knowledge upon a greater variety of subjects, and expressing their views with greater fluency, clearness and cor-

THE story which has recently been going the rounds of a portion of the press, that Ellen Craft, the famous fugitive, returning to her former master, was put at rest by the following, cut from a very recent English periodical:

By the efforts of some of those who have taken a lively interest in them, personally, and who also felt that they have a strong claim upon the sympathy and generosity of a country whose hospitality they have sought, for the temporary relief of their physical wants, and for the supply of that mental light which they have so long yearned for, Mr. and Mrs. Craft have now returned upon a second tour of instruction to the Industrial Schools at Ockham, near Ripley, Surrey.

During the first year of their residence there they were unremitting in their studies, and made great proficiency in reading, writing, arithmetic, and modern languages, besides acquiring a good knowledge. These schools are the benefit of Government inspection, and are under the control of the Messrs Lushington, of Ockham Park, daughters of Dr. Lushington, a name well known among the supporters of the Anti-Slavery cause in England during its early history.

Arrangements have been considerably made, so that Mr. and Mrs. Crafts receive their lessons in the way most agreeable to their feelings. They are now able to study and reflect upon the contents of that Sacred Record of instruction, the greater portion of which, I trust, the American slaveholder rendered to them a sealed book. In their personal relations with those around them, they have won the respect and regard of all with whom they have come into communication.

THE Amherst (Mass.) Express has the following cut against the use of tobacco. Deacon Ebenezer C. of Rowe, aged 71 years, moved on the 20th of last week to his birthplace, his 71st birthday, two years of stout vigor, beginning one hour after sun rise and finishing before 12 o'clock. The Deacon about one year ago left off entirely the use of tobacco, having been a most inveterate smoker for forty years. He says he has paid out nearly three hundred dollars for tobacco since he commenced using it, and he is greatly improved in strength and bodily and mental vigor. He weighs over twenty pounds more than he did one year ago, and says he feels twenty years younger than at 70. These are interesting facts and speak volumes against the use of tobacco.

CITY ITEMS.

—AMUSEMENTS, ETC., THIS DAY AND EVENING.

Barton's Theatre.—*Esopus and Dolls' Care*; *The Miller's Maid*.
Ward's Theatre.—*London*.
Windsor Theatre.—*Black and White*; *Black and White*; *The Irish Tiger*.
Niles's Theatre.—*York and Maine*.
Barlow's Theatre.—*The Two Vals*, etc.
Circus.—*The Great American Circus*.
Wood's Emporium, No. 441 Broadway.—*The Great Circus*.
Singer's Emporium, No. 100 Broadway.

Loco-Foco MEASURES.—At the poll in Hoboken it was proposed to appoint a Whig Clerk, the whole of the Inspectors being Locos. But this would not suit our Democratic friends, and a full-blooded Loco and Justice of the Peace was appointed—thus having the whole control of the matter in their own hands.—Their candidate for Assembly, who was one of the In-